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The reply filed on 7-2-03 is not fully responsive to the prior office action. In particular, the amended claim 1 fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 since the claim omits a deleted word that should have been included but lined-through, includes underlined portions that were original parts of the claim, and includes added portions that should have been underlined. It is suggested that the claim be carefully revised so as to correspond with the original version of the claim. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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